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7% rise in crimes against minors in 2024 as compared to previous year; 23 cases of child marriage in just 2 months of 2025 — figures show challenges with keeping children safe

INNOCENCE LOST

2023's figures reveal 10 kids going missing on an average daily

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The state's children are facing growing threats to their safety, as crimes against minors rose by over 7% in 2024 compared to the previous year, according to the latest police data. Behind these numbers lie stories of exploitation, fear, and the urgent need for action. Disturbingly, within just the first two months of 2025, police registered 23 cases of child marriage and 16 of child labour.

Child activist Rupa Hassan offers a piercing insight into the evolving landscape of child exploitation. "Cases have been on the rise. During the covid period, the situation was more under control, but post-pandemic, there's been a spike," she explains. "Children were handed smartphones and internet access during lockdowns. What began as a tool for education turned into a gateway to unknown dangers."

According to Hassan, child marriage often begins with elopement or internet-fueled relationships. In cases related to child marriage, sometimes the child may have run away from home and later returned. In other situations, parents, fearing damage to their reputation if the child is in a relationship or becomes pregnant, choose to get them married off—often to someone within their social circle. While a few of these cases come to light, most remain hidden. "Most of these cases go unreported due to political pressure, external influence, or sheer fear. Barely 40% of such cases are officially recorded," she adds.

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> —Rupa Hassan, child rights activist

At Bala Mandira, a government-run children's home, there has been a noticeable uptick in elopement cases—further

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Out of state, out of reach?

Owners of vehicles registered in other states often exploit weak challan follow-up mechanisms, say traffic officials

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Vehicles struggle to navigate water-logged roads on a rainy Monday evening

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The city's already overstressed traffic infrastructure is reeling under yet another burden -- traffic officials say, out-of-state vehicles often flout traffic norms and evade fines.

Owners of these vehicles exploit the lack of coordination between states. Since traffic enforcement is primarily state-bound, challans issued in Karnataka rarely get enforced if the vehicle is registered in states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, or Maharashtra.

"The tactics vary, some vehicle owners tamper with or obscure number plates, while others just ignore digital challans, relying on weak follow-up mechanisms. Even though the law mandates re-registration and payment of local road tax if a vehicle is used in the state for over a year, thousands continue to flout this rule," said a senior traffic police official.

PAGE 5: MINOR TROUBLE

Data from the Traffic Police indicates the alarming scale of this issue. On the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway (NH-275), over 80% of traffic violations are linked to

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THINGS TO DO

01 Fusion music

Windmills is presenting a weekend of world-fusion music with globe-trotting musician Denis Stern, who has deep roots in flamenco, jazz, Latin, Gypsy, and Middle Eastern music.
Where: Windmills, Whitefield;
When: April 18 and 19, 9.30 pm

02 Stage spectacle

Ranga Shankara is presenting 'HELLO TO EMPTINESS', a performative reflection on social vulnerability and on how we deal with grief.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar;
When: April 15 and 16, 7.30 pm

03 Musical evening

HSBC is presenting a concert featuring legendary singer Hariharan and globally renowned flute virtuoso Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia.

Where: Courtyard, Phoenix Marketcity;
When: May 4, 7 pm

04 Immersive art

The eighth edition of the Whitefield Art Collective (WAC) will be taking place with the theme 'Future is Now', featuring over 100 installations, exclusive exhibitions, and global collaborations.
Where: VR Bengaluru, Whitefield Main Road;
When: March 27 to April 28

05 Artistic journey

KYNKYNY Art Gallery is presenting 'Ephemeral Homelands', a solo exhibition showcasing the recent works of contemporary artist Siddharth Shingade.
Where: KYNKYNY Art Gallery, Infantry Road;
When: March 21 to April 18

Heartfelt tribute Ambedkar Jayanti, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, principal architect of the Indian Constitution, was observed on Monday in Bengaluru with tributes, rallies, and cultural programmes

Kayaking training moves to Benniganahalli Lake

Karnataka Kayaking and Canoeing Association plans to provide training for the residents from the localities around the water body

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With the Minor Irrigation Department failing to clear weeds in Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake, the Karnataka Kayaking and Canoeing Association has shifted its kayaking training to Benniganahalli Lake. The training began at Benniganahalli Lake on Sunday in the presence of community leaders from nearby areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Captain Dilip Kumar, Secretary of Karnataka Kayaking and Canoeing Association said that Benniganahalli Lake is ideal for practicing kayaking. "The water body is situated at a well-connected location. It has a good transport facility, with Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) as well as Namma Metro for the benefit of trainees," he said.

He stated that the Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake was vast and good for training but the spread of weeds became a hurdle for kayaking. "The training location was a little bit interior from the main road. We are happy with the amenities available at Benniganahalli," he said.

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> **"We are happy with the amenities available at Benniganahalli**
> –Captain Dilip Kumar, Secretary, Karnataka Kayaking and Canoeing Association

Residents welcome kayakers

The Karnataka Kayaking and Canoeing Association plans to provide training for the residents from the localities around the water body. "Some of the residents have already approached us for training in kayaking. We welcome them to undergo training. It will help us to identify the talent among the residents and children," Kumar said. He also expressed his gratitude towards the residents and members of Benniganahalli Kere Community Development Trust for their cooperation and support.

Sampath N, a Pai Layout resident, welcomed the decision to allow the Kayaking and Canoeing Association to use Benniganahalli Lake for training, stating that ongoing activities would aid in maintaining the lake's cleanliness. "It will facilitate more amenities at the lake in the near future. It is a good decision. I welcome it," he said.

N H Subramanian, Secretary of Benniganahalli Kere Community Development Trust, said that residents are happy to have the training sessions at Benniganahalli Lake as it would also spread awareness about the water body. "In fact we wanted to host it but permission was denied as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said they cannot give permission to Benniganahalli Kere Community Development Trust as the Kayaking and Canoeing Association was approved by the state government," said Subramanian.

Kannada curriculum to be made easier in schools

Move is aimed at simplifying the subject to make learning easier for out of state students and others who find it complex, say officials

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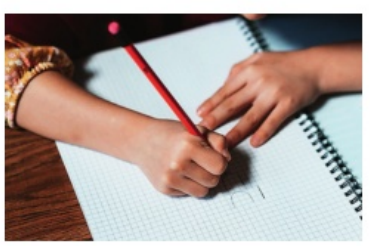
The Department of Education has decided to simplify the Kannada curriculum in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) schools to effectively implement the teaching of Kannada, which has been challenging due to its complexity. As per the 2017 Kannada Language Learning Rule, Kannada has been made mandatory as the first or second language in all schools under the CBSE and ICSE curriculum from the 2017-18 academic year. However, its implementation has been inconsistent in many schools.

To address this, the Department of Education and Kannada Development Authority have held several meetings and decided to simplify the curriculum. A proposal has been submitted to the state government, which, if approved, will be implemented from the 2025-26 academic year. There are 1,223 schools offering this curriculum, with around 74,000 students enrolled.



As per 2017 rule, learning Kannada in schools is mandatory

Language complexity makes learning difficult

Many students and parents have expressed that Kannada textbooks are too difficult. As a result, many central schools do not teach Kannada, preferring English as the first language and Hindi as the second. This has made it hard for students to learn Kannada, and many do not opt for it. Simplifying the curriculum would encourage more students to choose Kannada as a subject.

Need for curriculum change

Dr KV Trilok Chandra, Director of the Department of School Education, stated that simplifying the curriculum would make it easier for students to learn Kannada, especially for those who find it challenging. Prof Purushottam Bilimale, Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority, also emphasised the need for simpler Kannada to make it more accessible to students, especially in CBSE and ICSE schools. Officials said that students from other states, who form a significant portion of the student population, have been struggling with the language due to the difficulty of the textbooks. Simplifying the language content will help these students as well.

Bid by bid, a big amount is gone

Person duped of ₹38.57 L in elaborate online bidding scam

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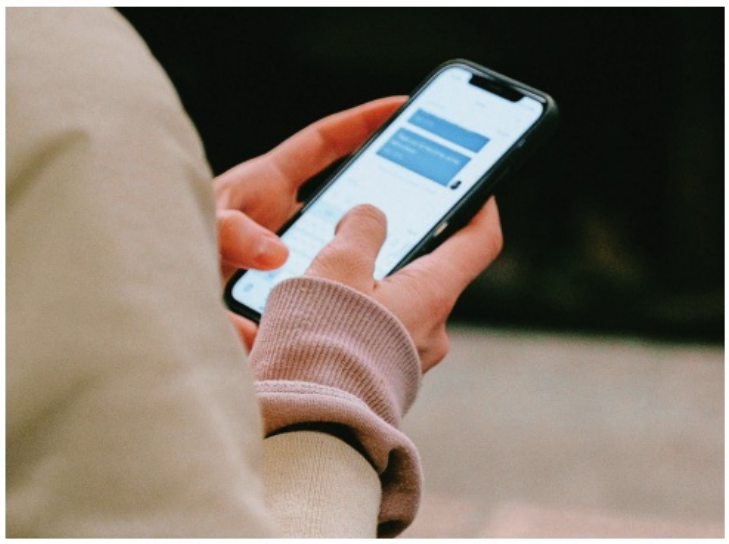

A massive online scam has come to light where a victim was cheated out of Rs 38.5 lakh over just nine days through a fake bidding platform named tenderautos.click, promoted by scammers on Telegram.

The victim's ordeal began on March 30, when they were contacted through Telegram IDs — @sanavirose, @copart_of19, and @ganeshsolanki95959 — offering a part-time income opportunity. The victim was introduced to an online bidding site, where they were promised profitable returns by participating in digital bidding cycles.

Initially, the victim was allowed to conduct a trial bidding cycle with virtual money and received a small profit of Rs 900, which created a false sense of legitimacy. Encouraged, the victim began investing personal funds starting on April 1. After investing Rs 7,000, the victim received Rs 13,597 the next day. On April 2, Rs 54,000 was invested, yielding Rs 60,634 on April 3 again, reinforcing the platform's apparent credibility.

Multi-bid scenario

However, from April 4 onwards, the scam escalated. The victim began by investing Rs 10,000, followed by an additional Rs 23,885, allegedly due to a "multi-bid scenario", a term used by the scammers to force further investment. Over the next few days, the victim was made to invest increasingly larger sums under the same pretext.

Between April 4 and 7, the victim made 25 transactions totalling approximately Rs 38.5 lakh. The platform promised a return of Rs 43.3 lakh by April 7. However, it later claimed that any transfer over Rs 3 lakh required a 50% "user fee" due to internal policy. The scammers initially demanded an additional Rs 21 lakh but later "settled" for Rs 7.3 lakh. Hoping to unlock the promised funds, the victim made one final payment of Rs 34,000 on April 8 as a so-called user fee. After this, the fraudsters ceased all contact, and the victim realised they had been duped in a scam.

The funds were transferred from three bank accounts in three different private banks to 16 different accounts across various banks, including many other private and small finance banks with UPI IDs linked to two private banks. The victim has filed a complaint under the CEN (Cyber, Economic offences and Narcotics) police station (East) and has urged the authorities to take immediate action to trace the perpetrators.

Serious data breach reported

In a separate case, a serious data breach has been reported under the CEN Police Station (North Division) by an employee of Whiteboard Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (WBTPL). As per the complaint filed an unknown hacker gained unauthorised access to the company's official website (wbtpl.com), infiltrated internal business documents, and deployed malicious software on the company servers.

The breach resulted in the theft of confidential customer data and critical project files, leading to substantial data loss. The attacker is demanding a ransom between $700 and $70,000 to decrypt the compromised data and has threatened to leak it publicly if the demand is not met.

The company has received multiple messages from the hacker via Telegram and email. A formal complaint has been lodged, and a cybercrime investigation is now underway.

Water tanker overturns on Varthur Road

A water tanker toppled on Varthur Road in Whitefield on Monday afternoon after the driver allegedly lost control due to rash and negligent driving.

According to sources, the driver was found unconscious and was rushed to a nearby private hospital by passersby. His associate also sustained injuries.

The incident was captured on the dashcam of a vehicle ahead. Whitefield Traffic Police have taken up the case and are investigating the cause of the accident. —BMB

BDS student dies by suicide

A 21-year-old BDS student, identified as Soumya, allegedly died by suicide in Hebbal on Sunday. She was residing with her parents and younger brother in an apartment on Sumangali Seva Ashrama Road, and was in her second year at a private dental college in Yeshwanthpur.

Soumya was reportedly battling depression related to academic pressure and was under medical treatment. On Sunday, she left her home, and later passers-by found her critically injured on the ground and rushed her to the hospital, where she was declared brought dead.

If you or someone you know needs support, you can reach out to the Sahai helpline: 080 65000111.

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Unpaid and understaffed: Marshals on the brink

40+ marshals resign, others too in line as BBMP fails to clear dues for months

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If the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) continues to delay salary payments, more marshals are likely to quit. Around 40 marshals, including those stationed at Bellandur and Varthur Lakes, have already resigned over delayed salaries.

It may be recalled that around 30 marshals posted at Bellandur and Varthur Lakes have not reported to duty for the past three months due to delayed salaries. Bangalore Mirror had highlighted the issue in its April 12 story, when is payday? detailing how the number of marshals at the lakes has dwindled, leaving just two per shift to monitor the vast water bodies.

It has now emerged that marshals working at the ward level have not received their salaries for the past five months. "A few among the 40 marshals in Bengaluru South are considering quitting. We are counselling them to stay on, assuring that senior officials will take up the issue with BBMP and push for timely release of funds," said a marshal on condition of anonymity.

He said that the BBMP authorities have to consider paying salaries along with their employees. "I am aware that it is difficult for marshals to make ends meet without getting salaries for more than five months. It is a known fact that gig workers are getting more than Rs 20,000 per month," he said.

Marshals have been working hard to keep a vigil on those dumping garbage at public places. They have been striving to ensure segregation of waste at source. They were tasked with enforcing mask-wearing and collecting penalties from those who violated the norms during the lockdown.

BBMP commissioner and Police commissioner meeting with Marshals (file photo)

> **"It's hard to survive without salaries for over five months. Even gig workers are earning more than ₹20,000 a month**
>
> –A marshal

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BBMP is yet to release funds since October 2024 not only for salary for marshs deployed at Bellandur, Varthur lakes, but also for repair of defunct vehicles
WHEN IS PAYDAY?

BM reported about delayed pay to BBMP marshals at Bellandur and Varthur Lakes on April 12

Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Marshal Officer Colonel (Retired) Rajbir Singh confirmed that some marshals have quit due to delayed salaries. "Out of 261 marshals, around 220 are currently reporting for duty. We are in discussions with BBMP authorities to secure funds and clear the pending salary arrears of three months," he said.

He added that filling vacancies has become a challenge, as few are showing interest in marshal positions. "Those who resigned have even posted messages on social media, advising ex-servicemen not to apply for marshal jobs due to the uncertainty in salary payments," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Finance) Harish Kumar said the BBMP was responsible for paying marshal salaries only up to December 2024. "From January 2025, it is the responsibility of Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited to pay their salaries," he said.

However, Rajbir Singh said the BBMP has not released funds towards marshals' salaries for the months of November and December 2024.

BBMP to regularise thousands of pourakarmikas on May Day

After years of uncertainty, thousands of contract pourakarmikas in Bengaluru are set to receive permanent appointment letters on Labour Day, May 1. The BBMP is preparing to regularise 12,699 civic workers out of the 14,980 positions it had earlier notified. The workers, employed under both direct payment and contract systems, will receive their appointments in two phases.

Sources said that on Labour Day, May 1, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar will symbolically distribute appointment letters to 50–100 pourakarmikas at Sri Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan near Sumanahalli Junction. The rest will receive their appointment letters zone-wise on the same day: 2,564 in the West, 2,341 in the East, 3,012 in the South, 1,118 in RR Nagar, 1,369 in Mahadevapura, 1,019 in Bommanahalli, 468 in Dasarahalli, and 808 in Yelahanka, totalling 12,699 regularised posts out of 14,980 notified. Over 50% of appointees are in the general category with completed police verification, while those in reserved categories are awaiting caste verification, delaying their appointment letters. Additionally, 2,281 posts remain vacant due to a lack of eligible reserved-category candidates.

Pourakarmikas on their daily rounds (file photo)

Ullal Lake is parched, poor drain management to blame

Once brimming with rainwater last November, Ullal Lake has now dried up completely, resembling a playground. The 31.1-acre lake in Sir M Visvesvaraya Layout, 5th Block, has left surrounding borewells dry and residents struggling for water. This has also impacted local biodiversity, including peacocks and other wildlife dependent on the water body. Residents report that nearly 50% of the lake's water drained into the underground sewage system due to poor drainage management by BBMP.

Raju K, a local resident, said, "Sewage from nearby private layouts, lacking proper underground drainage, had previously contaminated the lake. In response, BBMP installed a one-metre-wide pipeline and manholes to divert the polluted water. However, improper installation and broken pipes led to a massive outflow of lake water into the drainage system."

Despite appeals from the Sir M Visvesvaraya Layout Residents' Welfare Association to BBMP and the National Green Tribunal since November 7, 2024, no action has been taken. "Officials keep citing a lack of funds whenever we ask for solutions," said DS Gowda, president of the association.

Lake developmental work

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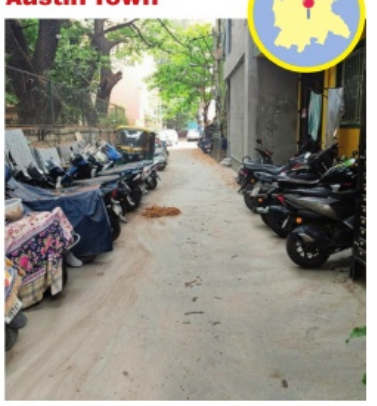
No parking
Nandini Layout

BMTC has banned car parking at Nandini Layout Bus Stand despite available space that doesn't hinder buses. Yet, its own buses idle for hours at the crowded Jaimaruthi Nagar Circle, causing congestion and safety hazards.

Damaged road
Vinoba Nagar

The roads in Vinoba Nagar are in a deplorable state, making travel difficult and unsafe for residents.

Traffic blockage
Austin Town



Bike parking on both sides of the road at 5th Square, Austin Town, makes it impossible to pass through, causing significant inconvenience.

HC quashes caste discrimination case

The Karnataka High Court has nullified proceedings initiated by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes against the Secretary and Chief Executive of the Mysore Education Society (MES), which operates MES College in Malleswaram. The case stemmed from a complaint by a computer technician alleging caste-based harassment.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, whilst allowing the petition, said that the first respondent, P Babu, was granted a two-year leave, preserving his appointment. Upon return, as the vacancy was already filled, he was transferred four kilometers away to another institution within the same society, in accordance with the employment conditions he had agreed to. "With the circumstances being thus, the Commission ought not to have entertained the complaint, which on the face of it, is a misuse of the provisions of the Act, projecting abuse and imaginary atrocity. A palpable service dispute is projected as an atrocity dispute," the court stated.

The petitioners contested the Commission's actions after it directed the Police Commissioner to investigate the allegations and submit a report. The Commissioner requested statements from all institute staff and detailed responses to the first respondent's submissions.

The petitioners highlighted that Babu had accepted his transfer to another college, expressing gratitude in 2023 for reinstatement after extended leave, before approaching the Commission in 2024 with harassment allegations.

The petitioners argued that the Commission lacked jurisdiction over service disputes, yet initiated proceedings causing institutional disruption. The respondents defended the complaint, citing caste-based abuse when reporting for duties.

The court examined the employment agreement between the institute and Babu, noting his consent to inter-institutional transfers within MES establishments.

The court observed that the complaint presented decade-old grievances without previous documentation. "Therefore, nothing can be farther from the truth. The petitioners submit their reply to the Commission; no action is taken on the reply and the proceedings go on," it stated.

Referencing Article 338, the court clarified the Commission's duties regarding safeguards for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, noting its civil court powers during investigations.

The court emphasised that these powers do not extend to civil court-like adjudication or final decisions. It further explained that Article 338's procedural powers differ from substantive powers of civil courts or tribunals.

The court concluded that the Commission lacked jurisdiction over employer-employee service disputes. It noted that despite no specific Commission orders, the proceedings disrupted the institution, finding no evidence of atrocity or abuse against the respondent. —BMB

Data reveals alarming underage driving trends

Over 11,000 accidents caused by minors in India point to nationwide issue, with peer pressure, parental neglect, and low road safety awareness acting as contributing factors

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Rule violations can result in penalties such as up to three years of imprisonment, a Rs 25,000 fine, and suspension of the vehicle's registration for 12 months

In Karnataka, the issue of road accidents caused by minors remains a significant concern, with 751 cases reported in 2023-24, as per the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD). This places Karnataka amongst the states with a high number of such incidents, highlighting the urgent need for stricter enforcement of traffic regulations and awareness campaigns targeting underage driving. Comparatively, states like Tamil Nadu (2063), Madhya Pradesh (1138), and Maharashtra (1067) have recorded even higher numbers, indicating that the problem is widespread across India. However, Karnataka's figures are still considerably higher than several other states, reflecting the growing challenge of minors gaining unauthorised access to vehicles.

According to data presented in the Parliament recently, while states like Lakshadweep reported zero cases and smaller regions such as Sikkim (3), Andaman and Nicobar Islands (3), and Mizoram (4) had minimal cases, densely populated and urbanised states saw a surge in such incidents. Neighboring states such as Kerala (645) and Telangana (361) reported fewer accidents than Karnataka, suggesting the need for comparative policy analysis to understand and implement effective preventive measures.

The total number of accidents caused by minors across India stood at 11,890, pointing to a critical nationwide issue. In metropolitan regions like Delhi (231) and Bengaluru (which is included in Karnataka's overall count), factors such as increased vehicular density, peer influence, and a lack of parental supervision contribute to the rise in underage driving cases.

A transport expert emphasised that as Karnataka serves as a significant economic and educational hub, authorities should prioritise strengthening licensing regulations, enhancing road safety education in schools, and enforcing stricter penalties to address minors driving without authorisation. "Collaborative efforts between traffic authorities, schools, and parents can play a crucial role in reducing such accidents and ensuring safer roads across the state," the expert said.

Strict penalty for rule violations

In one of his replies in the Parliament, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari stated that the government has implemented the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) system across all states and Union Territories to track accidents, including those caused by minors. Data from 2023 and 2024 has been recorded in the system. He highlighted that to address underage driving, the Motor Vehicles Act 1988, under Section 199A, holds guardians or vehicle owners accountable unless they can prove lack of knowledge or due diligence. He highlighted that rule violations can result in penalties such as up to three years of imprisonment, a Rs 25,000 fine, and suspension of the vehicle's registration for 12 months. "Additionally, minors involved in such offences will be barred from obtaining a driving licence until 25 years of age, with penalties aligned with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000. These measures aim to strengthen road safety and prevent underage driving," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Metro chaos at Majestic

Namma Metro commuters at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Majestic station faced inconvenience on Monday as metro trains were operated at ten-minute intervals owing to the public holiday on account of Ambedkar Jayanti. Typically, trains run every five minutes on regular weekdays. The reduced frequency led to crowding at several metro stations.

In response to the surge in passenger traffic, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) deployed additional trains. "We have added four extra trains between Byappanahalli and Majestic. In total, there will be seven additional trips from Majestic, Garudacharpalya, and Whitefield. Trains from ITPL are being run with a 5-minute headway," a BMRCL official said. —BMB

Probe ordered into murder suspect's encounter

The Karnataka government has ordered an enquiry into the police encounter of the accused in a minor girl's sexual assault and murder case reported from Hubballi.

The government has also stated that it will examine the involvement of migrant workers in crimes occurring across the state.

"A ghastly incident occurred in Hubballi city. A five-year-old girl was kidnapped and murdered by a man from Bihar," said Home Minister G Parameshwara, while speaking to the media on Monday.

He stated that the man was apprehended shortly afterwards. Upon being escorted to his residence by the police, the accused allegedly suddenly attacked them, and in self-defence, the police opened fire. He said that the accused was promptly taken to the hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

"I have directed senior officers to investigate the matter. The facts will emerge after the probe," he added. —IANS

K'taka nears 10 MW solar milestone amid challenges

Rooftop, KUSUM-C schemes trail as other states surge ahead

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Karnataka is about to hit a significant milestone in its solar energy journey. The state's total solar energy capacity will soon touch the 10,000-megawatt (MW) mark.

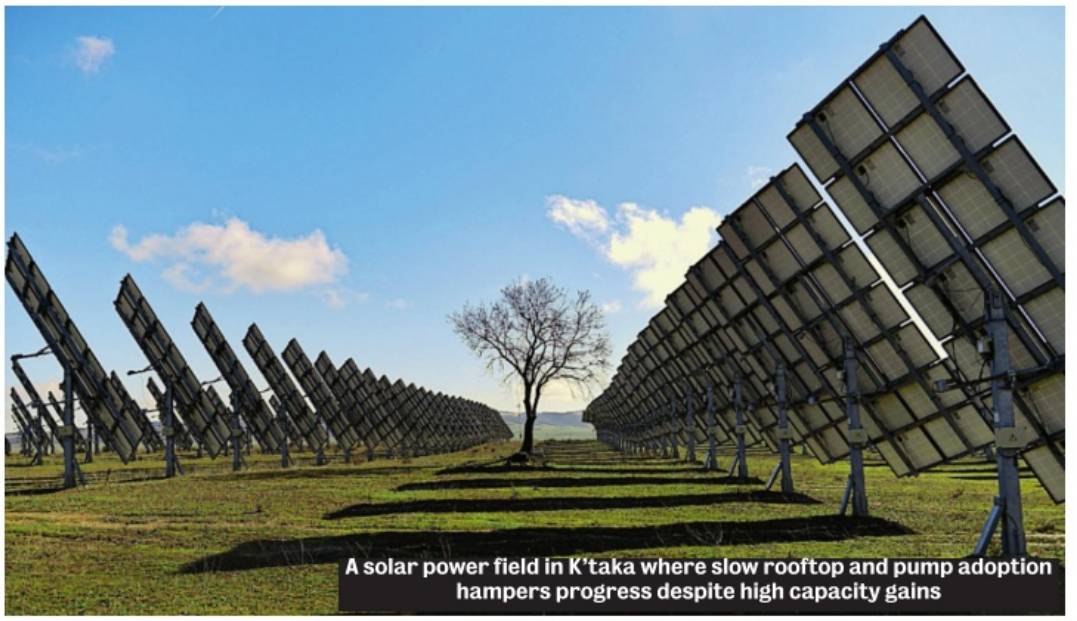
According to data from the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd (KREDL), Karnataka is currently generating 9,416.13 MW of electricity under various solar schemes, including KUSUM-C and rooftop solar. The total solar capacity installed in 2024–25 (up to February 2025) is also the highest recorded in the last five years.

This financial year alone, the state added nearly 730 MW of solar-based electricity generation, compared with 572.82 MW in 2023–24, 460.45 MW in 2022–23, 228 MW in 2021–22, and 139 MW in 2020–21.

Despite these numbers, experts say Karnataka is still lagging behind both its own targets and the progress made by other states. One of the key reasons is the poor implementation of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, a major central scheme aimed at boosting rooftop solar, has been trailing.

While states like Gujarat have facilitated the installation of more than 4 lakh rooftop units, Maharashtra nearly 2.5 lakh, and Uttar Pradesh close to 1 lakh, Karnataka has managed to install only around 7,000 units so far.

"Every scheme faces challenges. However, there can be no valid justification for Karnataka's underperformance when compared with other states," said Ramesh Shivanna, founder-president of the Karnataka Renewable Energy Systems Manufacturers Association (KREDLE).



A solar power field in K'taka where slow rooftop and pump adoption hampers progress despite high capacity gains

"Karnataka has installed only 7,000 units [under PM Surya Ghar scheme]. There cannot be a valid explanation for such poor performance when compared with other states
–Ramesh Shivanna, KREDLE founder president

Experts suggest that Karnataka should align itself more closely with the Centre's initiatives and promote rooftop solar with additional state subsidies, rather than relying on politically attractive but economically unsustainable models such as free electricity.

"Free electricity is not a sustainable measure. Instead, Karnataka should accelerate the adoption of rooftop solar by offering additional subsidies on top of central assistance. If implemented effectively, the scheme could be a game-changer for sustainable power generation," said an industry expert.

Progress under the KUSUM-C scheme, which aims to install solar-powered water pumps for agriculture, has also been slow in the state. Karnataka currently has nearly 26 lakh agricultural pump sets that receive free power. Though KREDL and Bescom have completed the tender process, the actual installation of solar-powered pumps has been sluggish, at snail's pace, added Shivanna.

As of now, the state is generating just 36.87 MW under the KUSUM-C scheme.

Karnataka ranks 4th position in renewable energy capacity

The total renewable energy (RE) capacity installed in Karnataka for 2024– till feb 2025 stands at 901.47 MW, a drop from 1,605.01 MW in the previous year.

A progress report by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) places Karnataka among the top five states in terms of total installed wind and solar capacity. With a combined RE capacity of 23.91 GW, Karnataka ranks fourth after Rajasthan (34.13 GW), Gujarat (33.39 GW), and Tamil Nadu (25.24 GW).

The state's total wind energy capacity stands at 6.627 GW, while solar capacity has reached 9.441 GW. In comparison, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have wind capacities of 12.67 GW and 11.73 GW, respectively, and solar capacities of 18.49 GW and 10.15 GW. .

Peenya flyover cable work nears completion amid curbs

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An a move to enhance passenger safety, the South Western Railway (SWR) is set to b Karnataka Home Guards (KHGs), addressing a 30% shortage in Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel.

TAs part of the ongoing reinforcement work on the Peenya flyover along Tumakuru Road, 800 of the proposed 1,200 new support cables have been installed between its 120 pillars. The remaining 400 cables are expected to be fitted in the next four months, sources said.

Initially, two new cables were installed between each of the 120 pillars, totalling 240 cables in the first phase. Following this, work began to replace the remaining 1,200 older cables ten between each pillar with new ones. So far, 800 cables have been replaced, and the remaining work is progressing steadily.

The Peenya flyover, a critical corridor connecting over 20 districts in Karnataka, was closed to vehicular movement on December 25, 2021, after three cables were found bent between pillars 102 and 103 near the 8th Mile Junction. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) then barred traffic on the flyover, citing safety concerns.

Workers battle poor ventilation and tight spaces to replace flyover cables

"To facilitate the cable replacement work, traffic restrictions for heavy vehicles have been enforced every Wednesday from 6 AM to Thursday 6 AM. During this period, only light vehicles are allowed on the flyover
–Police official

"To facilitate the cable replacement work, traffic restrictions for heavy vehicles have been enforced every Wednesday from 6 AM to Thursday 6 AM. During this period, only light vehicles are allowed on the flyover," a police official said.

Working conditions for the crew remain challenging. Workers must descend into the inner structure of the flyover using steel staircases with the help of cranes. Once inside, old cables are cut using gas cutters and replaced with new ones. The lack of ventilation and confined spaces make the process time-consuming. After the new cables are installed, concrete grouting must also be completed, further extending the timeline.

The restriction on heavy vehicle movement will continue every Wednesday until all 1,200 cables have been replaced.

Caste census sparks clash

As the caste census reaches a decisive stage, sharp divisions within the Karnataka Cabinet have emerged, setting the stage for a potential split. The issue, which had sparked heated debate during Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's first tenure in 2015, continues to be polarising.

A special Cabinet meeting on April 17 will discuss the caste census in detail. Ministers have received a summary of the report, triggering fresh debate over its release. Leaked figures reportedly challenge long-held beliefs about caste population shares, with some viewing the report as a tool to reshape political power.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said no decision would be made in haste and stressed the need for detailed deliberation. "As KPCC President, ensuring justice for all is my duty," he added. Industries Minister MB Patil raised concerns over categorisation of Veerashiva-Lingayat community. **–BMB**

Wadiyar assures villagers safety

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family on Monday said the residents of Siddayyanapura in Chamarajanagar district need not worry as she would not take any steps even if the land she has staked claim to is found in the name of the royal family.

Her assurance comes after she stated that over 4,500 acres of land in Siddayyanapura belonged to the royal family, as per an agreement between the Maharaja of Mysore and the Government of India in February 1951.

Recently, when the state government initiated steps to declare Siddayyanapura a revenue village, Wadiyar wrote to the Deputy Commissioner and Tehsildar of Chamarajanagar, asserting the family's ownership of the land. **–BMB**

Bank Janardhan no more

Veteran character actor Janardhan, also known as Bank Janardhan, passed away in the early hours of Monday at a private hospital in the city. He was 76. Hailing from Holakere in Chitradurga district, Janardhan is survived by a son and three daughters. Family sources said he had been unwell for the past few weeks and was hospitalised. Though he was discharged a few days ago, he was readmitted on Friday.

In 2023, Janardhan suffered a heart attack in recent months. **–BMB**

BBMP clarifies parking tax rule

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has clarified its recent proposal to revise Property Tax rates for parking areas, emphasising that the goal is to reduce, standardise, and rationalise these rates to encourage the creation of more vehicle parking spaces across the city.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that since 2008, parking areas have been taxed at 50% of the Unit Area Value (UAV) of the property they are part of. This has led to high rates up to ₹12.50 per sq ft for commercial properties, with an average of ₹7 for commercial and ₹2.1 for residential spaces. **–BMB**

3 is a lucky number

Season dominated by top-order batters so far

IN FOCUS IPL 2025

Every season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) brings with it plenty of narratives, rivalries, statistical trends, records and various promising youngsters who are given their first big platform to serve world cricket.

The 2024 season saw T20 hitting being redefined by champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and finalists Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) as scores above 250 became more frequent than ever and so did the talks about possibility to touch the 300-run mark. The current season is no different as so far in 29 matches, it has been a season defined by success of top order batters, particularly the number three.

The number three

This season has been terrific for several number-three batters, particularly Nicholas Pooran of Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) (349 runs in six matches at an average of 69.80 and a strike rate of 215.43, with four fifties and 31 sixes, the Orange Cap holder) and Shreyas Iyer, the Punjab Kings (PBKS) skipper (250 runs in five innings at an average of 83.33, with a strike rate of 208.33, three fifties and 20 sixes, fourth-highest run-getter). So far, all number three batters have scored 1,947 runs, scoring 19.25 per cent of their team's runs. They have scored their runs at an average of 40.56 and a strike rate of 169.89, with 16 fifty-plus scores, as per ESPNCricinfo.

Top order batters

The top-order batters have reigned supreme this season so far and dominate batting charts in terms of strike rates. Even while facing as low as 30 balls at least, eight of the top ten strike rates this season are by batters playing from number one to three, with exceptions being Tim David (RCB) and Naman Dhir (Mumbai Indians). Dhir though batters at number three once, scoring 46 in 24 balls against LSG.

Last season, only two top-order batters, Abhishek Sharma and Sunil Narine, were striking at above 200 out of the top 10 strikers of the season after the first 29 matches. So far in 2025, there are four batters who have faced 75-plus balls in the top three and have struck at over 200. —ANI

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Tim David stands on the filed during the match between Rajasthan Royals and RCB at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur, India, Sunday

AROUNDTHEWORLD

No winners in tariff war: Xi

China's leader Xi Jinping said no one wins in a trade war as he kicked off a diplomatic tour of Southeast Asia on Monday, presenting China as a force for stability in contrast with U.S. President Donald Trump's latest tariffs moves.
Although Trump has paused some tariffs, he has kept in place 145% duties on China. "There are no winners in a trade war, or a tariff war," Xi wrote in an editorial jointly published in Vietnamese and Chinese official media. "Our two countries should resolutely safeguard the multilateral trading system, stable global industrial and supply chains, and open and cooperative international environment." Xi was greeted on the tarmac by Vietnam's President Luong Cuong at the start of his two-day visit. AP

Relief for tech stocks

Global technology stocks rose on Monday after the U.S. exempted electronics such as smartphones and computer hardware from its steep reciprocal tariffs on China, offering some relief to a sector battered by supply-chain uncertainty.
Big Tech shares have slumped in the past two weeks as tit-for-tat tariffs between Washington and Beijing stoked fears of higher component costs, softer consumer demand and the worst supply-chain disruption since the COVID-19 pandemic.
The exemptions suggest an increasing awareness within the Trump administration of the pain that the tariffs had in store for inflation-weary consumers, especially on popular products such as smartphones, laptops and other electronic. Reuters

Meta faces antitrust trial

Meta Platforms Inc. faces a historic antitrust trial beginning Monday that could force the tech giant to break off Instagram and WhatsApp, startups it bought more than a decade ago that have since grown into social media powerhouses.
The looming antitrust trial will be the first big test of President Donald Trump's Federal Trade Commission's ability to challenge Big Tech. The lawsuit was filed against Meta — then called Facebook — in 2020, during Trump's first term. It claims the company bought Instagram and WhatsApp to squash competition and establish an illegal monopoly in the social media market. Meta, the FTC argues, has maintained a monopoly by pursuing CEO Mark Zuckerberg's strategy, "expressed in 2008: It is better to buy than compete..." AP

Make space for women

All-female crew: Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin launched his fiancee Lauren Sanchez into space Monday with an all-female celebrity crew.

The trip: The New Shepard rocket blasted off on the 10-minute full automated up-and-down trip from West Texas. The fringes of space beckoned 66 miles (107 kilometers) up and provided a few precious minutes of weightlessness.

Star power: Singer-songwriter Katy Perry and "CBS Mornings" co-host Gayle King; film producer Kerianne Flynn; Aisha Bowe, a former NASA engineer who started her own companies to promote science education; and Amanda Nguyen, a scientist who studied planets around other stars and now advocates for survivors of sexual violence.

What Katy did: Moved by the views of Earth below, Perry said she couldn't resist singing "What a Wonderful World" in space.

In history: The only other all-female crew in 64 years of human spaceflight was back in 1963. —AP

CLOSERHOME

Mehul Choksi nabbed

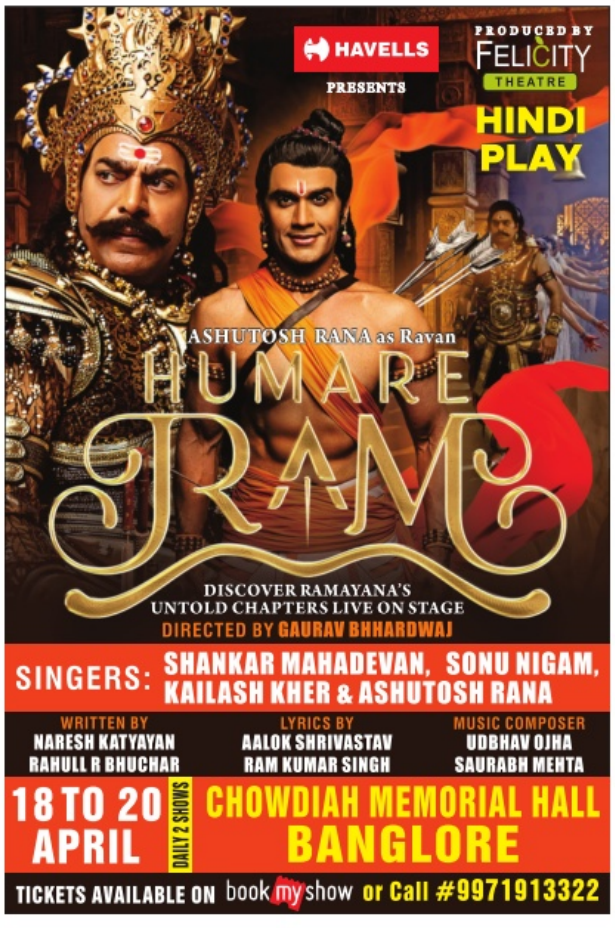
Absconding diamantaire Mehul Choksi has been arrested by Belgium authorities following an extradition request by Indian probe agencies for his involvement in the Rs 13,000 crore PNB loan "fraud" case.
The Belgian Police took custody of the second "prime suspect" in this case, after Choksi's nephew diamantaire Nirav Modi, on April 12 in Antwerp based on an extradition request moved by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED), official sources said on Monday.
The Belgian federal public service of justice confirmed in an email to PTI that Choksi was arrested on April 12. "He is being detained in anticipation of further judicial proceedings," it said. PTI

Quota: Telangana is first

The Telangana government on Monday started implementation of the Scheduled Caste sub-categorisation Act.
The Law Department issued a Government Order (GO) bringing into force the Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservation) Act. The development coincided with the birth anniversary of the Constitution's prime architect, Dr B.R. Ambedkar.
With this, Telangana became the first state in the country to implement SC sub-categorisation after the Supreme Court delivered its judgment last year. The state Assembly had last month passed a bill for sub-categorisation of SCs.
The bill was drafted after a one-man commission submitted its report.
Governor Jishnu Dev Varma gave his assent to the bill on April 8. The Act aims to rationalise the existing 15% reservation for SC by categorising 59 SC sub-castes. IANS

Rana ducking NIA questions on finances, ISI

Mumbai attack plotter Tahawwur Rana has not been forthcoming on details on the financial aspect of his operations and his relations with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), investigators said on Monday.
During his over 10-hour grilling, punctuated by meals and medical checkup, NIA investigators questioned Rana, 64, about his Chicago-based immigration and travel agency. He was also asked about the spurt in his phone conversations with his co-conspirator David Coleman Headley alias Daood Gilani, a US citizen who is housed in a prison in that country, around the November 26, 2008, attack. Sources said Rana is probably noting down in a personal diary, which he requisitioned through a plea in the Special NIA court, to note key questions being asked and the answers he is giving. This appears to be his attempt to remain consistent with his stand on key issues throughout his 18-day questioning. IANS



Truck owners' associations to begin strike over diesel price hike

The truck owners' associations in Karnataka have decided to launch an indefinite statewide strike from midnight on Monday, against the hike in sales tax on fuel, increase in toll charges, and alleged harassment by RTO officials.

The Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners and Agents Association (FOKSLOAA) and the Karnataka Goods Transporters' Association have jointly given the call for the indefinite strike. The All India Motor Transport Congress, the apex body of motor transport operators comprising state and regional associations, has extended its support to the strike.

As many as six lakh trucks and lorries are expected to go off the road from midnight, a move that is likely to disrupt several essential services. The truck owners had given the government a deadline until April 14 to meet their demands, which include a rollback in diesel prices. With the government failing to address their concerns, the associations have decided to proceed with the indefinite strike.

The strike is expected to severely impact the supply of essential commodities. Trucks carrying jelly stones, loose sand, and other goods will halt operations. Vehicles transporting petrol and diesel will also suspend services, sources confirmed.

Talking to the media persons, G.R. Shanmugappa, president of the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners and Agents Association, said the strike is being launched to demand the fulfilment of five key demands.

He added that the government has not initiated any discussions so far. "Why does only Karnataka need RTO check posts? In the last six years, since Chief Minister Siddaramaiah came to power, we have not staged any protests. Starting tonight, even LPG tankers will not be loaded," Shanmugappa said. **IANS**

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Young ones married off, pushed into child labour

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testament to the complex emotional and social dynamics involved in such incidents. And the numbers get bleaker. In 2023 alone, 3,766 children were reported kidnapped or abducted—an average of 10 children disappearing every single day. Activists fear the real figures are likely far higher, concealed by shame or muffled by fear.

Vasudev Sharma, child rights activist, says the rising figures can have two reasons. "Yes, the numbers are high—but this also shows people are reporting more than before. Awareness is growing," he says. "But reporting is just the first step. The real problem lies in poor conviction rates."

The betrayal often cuts close to home. In most child sexual abuse cases, the predator is not a stranger but a family member or someone intimately known to the victim. Even in cases of child marriage, perpetrators are frequently embedded within the community or family itself. "The child believes something good is happening—maybe even love, maybe a sense of escape. The realisation that they were exploited only comes later, when it's too late," Sharma adds.

Police officials in some areas have started filing suo motu cases, stepping in when violations are visibly apparent. But that's not enough. Both activists point at a worrying trend: the role of mobile phones and unfiltered internet access in grooming, manipulation, and child exploitation. While technology brings the world closer, it has also become a weapon in the wrong hands. Despite a legislation existing, enforcement remains patchy. The challenge now lies not just in stronger laws, they said, but in stronger resolve and convictions

Guilty in 80% violations on B'luru-Mysuru Expressway

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out-of-state vehicles. In June 2024 alone, more than 1.65 lakh traffic tickets were issued, but fewer than 10,000 were paid, exposing a massive gap in enforcement. Apart from violating traffic rules, these vehicles also help their owners dodge road taxes and regulatory fees, depriving the city of much-needed revenue.

The consequences are visible daily, reckless driving, illegal parking, and one-way violations. Since many of these vehicles are harder to trace or penalise, they often operate with impunity. Residents complain that such vehicles routinely park in no-parking zones, flout local traffic rules, and are sometimes even used for unregistered commercial activity.

Targeted enforcement to start soon

Despite the scale of the issue, targeted enforcement drives against out-of-state vehicles have become infrequent. Citizens and traffic experts are now urging the police to reinstate and intensify such special drives to restore order and accountability on city roads.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy told BM that in just the past two months, fines amounting to Rs 24–25 crore were imposed on out-of-state vehicles operating in the city. "The number of such vehicles is quite high in Bengaluru, and we will soon be launching special enforcement drives focused specifically on them," he said. The minister added that vehicle owners are given a one-year window to comply and pay fines, but if they fail to do so within that period, the penalties accumulate for every subsequent year of non-payment.

HEALTH TIP: Lying flat makes it easier for stomach acid to flow back into your food pipe, causing discomfort

One of the easiest home remedies for acidity is raising the head of your bed or using an extra pillow

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ARE TWINS ALLERGIC TO THE SAME THINGS?

Immunologist explains what are factors that decide if you will get an allergy or not

Allergies, whether spring sneezes due to pollen or trouble breathing triggered by a certain food, are caused by a combination of someone's genes and the environment they live in.

The more things two people share, the higher their chances of being allergic to the same things. Twins are more likely to share allergies because of everything they have in common, but the story doesn't end there.

I'm an allergist and immunologist, and part of my job is treating patients who have environmental, food or drug allergies. Allergies are really complex, and a lot of factors play a role in who gets them and who doesn't.

What is an allergy?

Your immune system makes defense proteins called antibodies. Their job is to keep watch and attack any invading germs or other dangerous substances that get inside your body before they can make you sick.

An allergy happens when your body mistakes some usually harmless substance for a harmful intruder. These trigger molecules are called allergens.

The antibodies stick like suction cups to the allergens, setting off an immune system reaction. That process leads to common allergy symptoms: sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose, itchy, watery eyes, a cough. These symptoms can be annoying but minor.

Allergies can also cause a life-threatening reaction called anaphylaxis that requires immediate medical attention. For example, if someone ate a food they were allergic to, and then had throat swelling and a rash, that would be considered anaphylaxis.

The traditional treatment for anaphylaxis is a shot of the hormone epinephrine into the leg muscle. Allergy sufferers can also carry an auto-injector to give themselves an emergency shot in case of a life-threatening case of anaphylaxis. An epinephrine nasal spray is now available, too, which also works very quickly.

A person can be allergic to things outdoors, like grass or tree pollen and bee stings, or indoors, like pets and tiny bugs called dust mites that hang out in carpets and mattresses.

A person can also be allergic to foods. Food allergies affect 4% to 5% of the population. The most common are to cow's milk, eggs, wheat, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish and sesame. Sometimes people grow out of allergies, and sometimes they are lifelong.

Who gets allergies?

Each antibody has a specific target, which is why some people may only be allergic to one thing. The antibodies responsible for allergies also take care of cleaning up any parasites that your body encounters. Thanks to modern medicine, people in the United States rarely deal with parasites. Those antibodies are still ready to fight, though, and sometimes they misfire at silly things, like pollen or food.

Hygiene and the environment around you can also play a role in how likely it is you'll develop allergies. Basically, the more different kinds of bacteria that you're exposed to earlier in life, the less likely you are to develop allergies. Studies have even shown that kids who grow up on farms, kids who have pets before the age of 5, and kids who have a lot of siblings are less likely to develop allergies. Being breastfed as a baby can also protect against having allergies.

Children who grow up in cities are more likely to develop allergies, probably due to air pollution, as are children who are around people who smoke.

Kids are less likely to develop food allergies if they try foods early in life rather than waiting until they are older. Sometimes a certain job can contribute to an adult developing environmental allergies. For example, hairdressers, bakers and car mechanics can develop allergies due to chemicals they work with.

Genetics can also play a huge role in why some people develop allergies. If a mom or dad has environmental or food allergies, their child is more likely to have allergies. Specifically for peanut allergies, if your parent or sibling is allergic to peanuts, you are seven times more likely to be allergic to peanuts!

Identical in allergies?

Back to the idea of twins: Yes, they can be allergic to the same things, but not always.

Researchers in Australia found that 60% to 70% of twins in one study both had environmental allergies, and identical twins were more likely to share allergies than fraternal (nonidentical) twins. Identical twins share 100% of their genes, while fraternal twins only share about 50% of their genes, the same as any pair of siblings.

A lot more research has been done on the genetics of food allergies. One peanut allergy study found that identical twins were more likely to both be allergic to peanuts than fraternal twins were.

So, twins can be allergic to the same things, and it's more likely that they will be, based on their shared genetics and growing up together. But twins aren't automatically allergic to the exact same things.

Imagine if two twins are separated at birth and raised in different homes: one on a farm with pets and one in the inner city. What if one's parents smoke, and the others don't? What if one lives with a lot of siblings and the other is an only child? They certainly could develop different allergies, or maybe not develop allergies at all.

Scientists like me are continuing to research allergies, and we hope to have more answers in the future.

(Breanne Hayes Haney, West Virginia University, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Type-5 diabetes

Lesser known form

While blood sugar cases are significantly soaring worldwide, a lesser-known malnutrition-related form of diabetes -- designated as Type-5 diabetes -- is gaining global attention after decades.

History

Nearly 75 years after being first recorded, the condition that previously remained undefined was designated as Type- 5 diabetes at the recently held International Diabetes Federation's (IDF) World Diabetes Congress in Bangkok, Thailand.

The condition, occurring often in young and thin adults, was first reported in Jamaica in 1955, and then defined as J-type diabetes. In the 1960s, the condition was reported in undernourished populations across India, Pakistan, and parts of sub-Saharan Africa.

While in 1985, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognised the condition as a distinct form of diabetes, it removed the designation in 1999 as there were no proper follow-up studies and supporting evidence.

What is it?

It is a malnutrition-related diabetes, typically affecting lean and malnourished teenagers and young adults in low- and middle-income countries.

Type 5 diabetes is estimated to affect 20-to-25 million people worldwide, mainly in Asia and Africa.

Insulin injections don't help

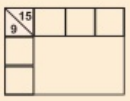
Earlier findings had suggested that malnutrition-related diabetes stemmed from insulin resistance.

However, insulin injections, as in Type 1 diabetes patients, will not benefit these patients. In some cases, it can cause dangerously low blood sugar.

It is because "people with this form of diabetes have a profound defect in the capacity to secrete insulin, which wasn't recognised before. This finding has revolutionised how we think about this condition and how we should treat it," said Meredith Hawkins, Professor of Medicine at the Global Diabetes Institute at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, US. —IANS

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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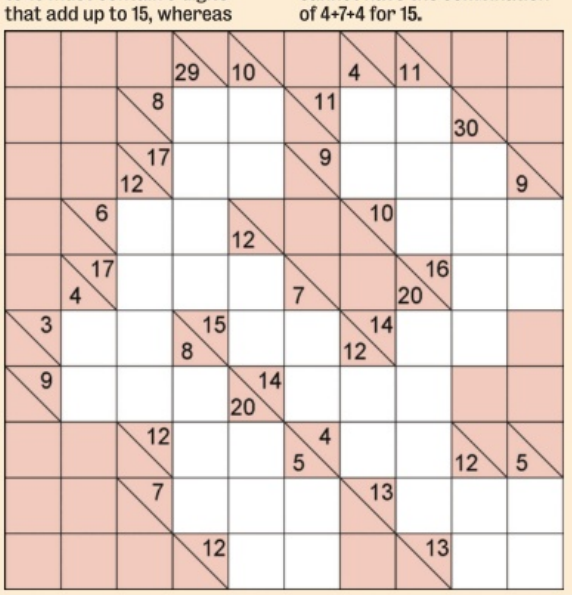

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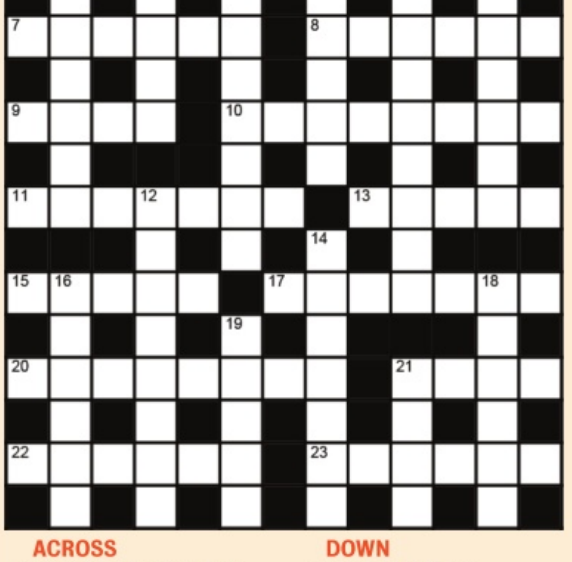


ACROSS

7 Gives false notion of? (6)
8 Wading bird (6)
9 Incandescent lamp (4)
10 Genuine or real (4,4)
11 Newspaper bosses (7)
13 Vacuous (5)
15 Main or principal (5)
17 In a noisy and disorderly manner (7)
20 Spanning (8)
21 Misplaced (4)
22 Constituent of tea (6)
23 Fisherman? (6)

DOWN

1 Fertile, prolific (6)
2 Famous educational institution on Bannerghatta road (3-1)
3 Lines of equal pressure (7)
4 Threads or tall tales (5)
5 Limited or cramped? (8)
6 Submit (4,2)
12 ____ on air : feeling elated? (8)
14 Solidify (7)
16 Exclamation of joy (6)
18 Struck angrily (6)
19 Kings of the jungle (5)
21 Lower limbs (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS P

BUSXS FXS BPT JQYLG TC MSTMIS QY BUS PTXIL, BUTGS PUT ESIQSWS BUSXS FXS BPT JQYLG TC MSTMIS QY BUS PTXIL FYL BUTGS PUT LTY'B.

Linemaro

If I were Iceman, I couldn't stand next to someone as hot as you

Mindchow

God is a circle whose centre is everywhere and circumference nowhere

Joke of the day

I used to own an ant farm, but had to give it up. I couldn't get tractors small enough to fit it

Loop

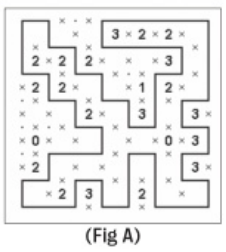
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

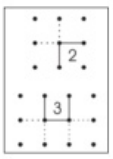
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

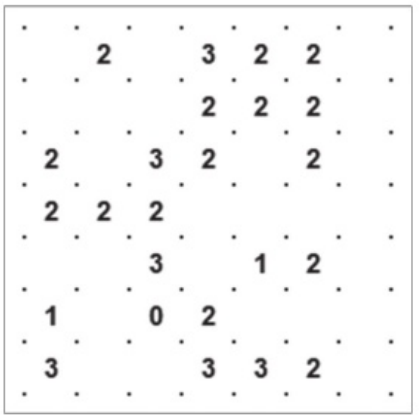
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



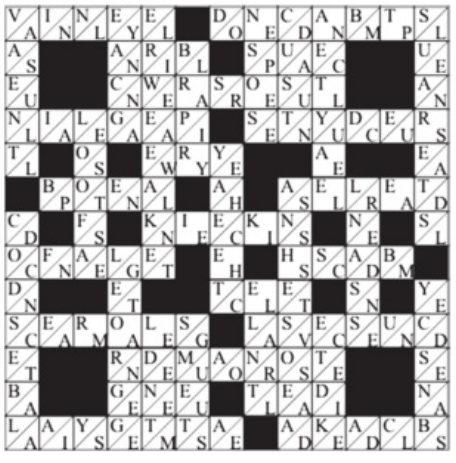
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



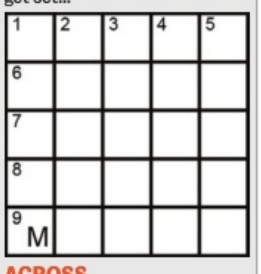
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

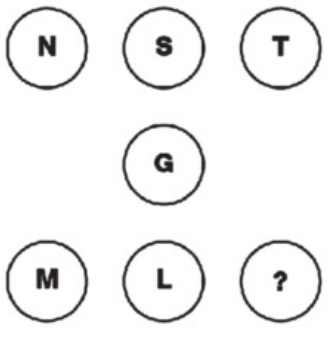
1 Pried; 6 Aired;
7 I rice; 8 Onset;
9 Dim me

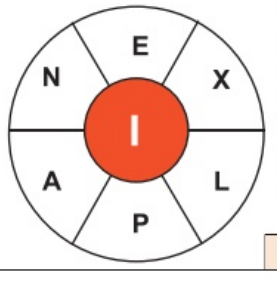
DOWN

1 Prims; 2 Citer;
3 I mod I; 4 I need;
5 A deer

Mensapuzzle

What is missing from the last circle?





Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

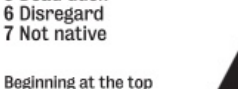
SudokuChallenge

								9
		7	4	2			8	
5		8		6	9	7		
	8		2			4	6	
		1				2		
	7	4			6		1	
		3	9	7		6		2
	2			4	5	3		
9								

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 7

1 2 5 5

Medium = 12

3 6 6 6

Hard = 3

2 3 5 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

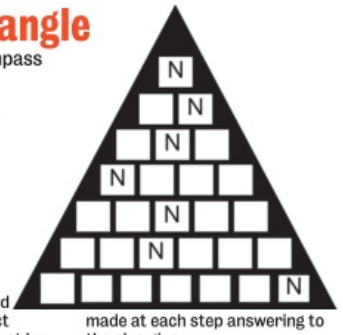
Differences: 1. Front of truck is different. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Cap is tilted. 5. Billboard is wider. 6. Mouth is different.

Riddler

Can you figure out this rebus? Ptimetimetime Etimetimetime Etimetimetime Ktimetimetime

Alpha triangle

1 North on the compass
2 Not off
3 Single
4 Fiddling emperor
5 Dead duck
6 Disregard
7 Not native



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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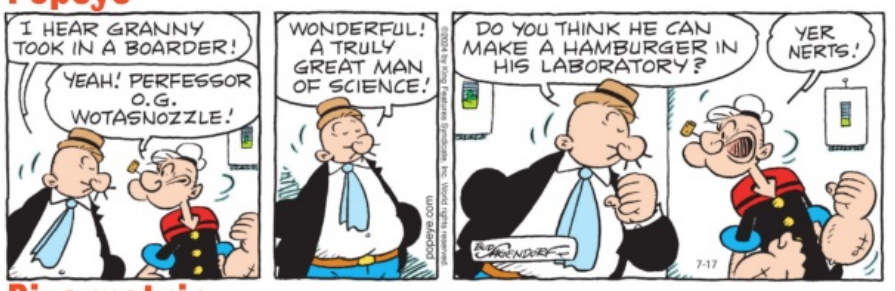
Popeye


I HEAR GRANNY TOOK IN A BOARDER!
YEAH! PERFESSOR O.G. WOTASNOZZLE!
WONDERFUL! A TRULY GREAT MAN OF SCIENCE!
DO YOU THINK HE CAN MAKE A HAMBURGER IN HIS LABORATORY?
YER NERTS!

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Isn't it nice to spend some time away from music and catch up with each other's lives?
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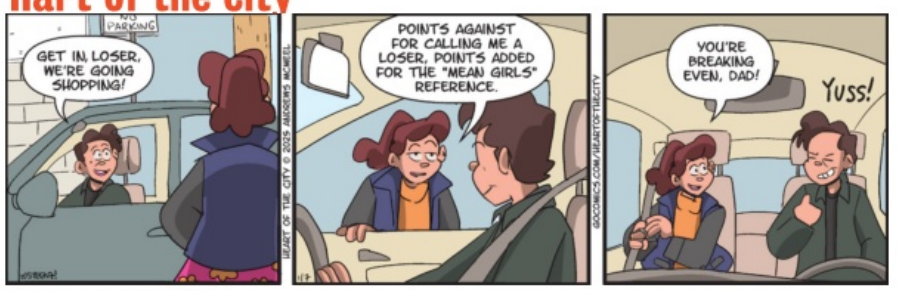
Hart of the city


GET IN, LOSER. WE'RE GOING SHOPPING!
POINTS AGAINST FOR CALLING ME A LOSER, POINTS ADDED FOR THE "MEAN GIRLS" REFERENCE.
YOU'RE BREAKING EVEN, DAD!
Yuss!

Crankshaft

IF WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THE BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE...
WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.
HOW ABOUT IF YOU START DRIVING A BUS AGAIN?
I SAID THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX... NOT OUTSIDE THE CONTAINER SHIP!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel more in control, and things should start to settle down. Your professional network could offer helpful support at work. It's a great time for planning overseas travel and strengthening bonds in your love life and at home. With a creative spark, you might bring home some art or décor.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel fatigued from overwork, leading to carelessness and a lack of motivation. Be patient with yourself. Postpone any adventure trips for now. Past investments may not yield expected results. Health-wise, be cautious, issues related to your back, nervous system, liver, or skin may arise.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your creativity is high today, and you might be inclined to renovate or decorate your home or workspace, which could boost your social standing. Harmony with your spouse improves, and tensions with friends, coworkers, or partners may be resolved. Legal matters may also bring good news.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You're in a creative mindset and may attend an artistic or cultural event. Stuck finances may finally be released. Jobseekers are encouraged to upgrade their skills. Students should put in extra effort in academics to see better results.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may focus on your children's education or plan for their higher studies. Couples might receive good news related to children. You may also consider pursuing higher education yourself to boost your career. Singles could meet a potential partner.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel disconnected from reality and avoid responsibilities today. Be careful, investments could lead to losses. Read documents thoroughly before signing anything. Elderly family members' health might concern you. If you're planning home renovations, it's better to delay them for now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Helping those in need may elevate your social respect. Your hard work could lead to early project completion. You might receive positive news from a sibling. However, overworking could leave you exhausted. Try to avoid stress by practicing meditation or observing a fast today.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Family and social events may keep you engaged. You'll likely be more polite and accommodating, boosting your image among friends and relatives. You may also spend money on home décor or art, elevating your status. Some good news from a close relative could make your day.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Sibling relationships may improve as previous disputes get resolved. Your energy levels are high, enabling you to tackle challenging projects with ease. A short work-related trip could expand your professional network. Helping someone in need may bring you recognition and personal satisfaction.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A sense of dissatisfaction may linger today, leaving you feeling lazy or unmotivated, which could delay your projects. Love birds should avoid making major relationship decisions. Job seekers may face disappointment, and your time might be wasted on unproductive tasks.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may feel a lack of focus today and be tempted to make impulsive or unrealistic decisions. High expectations could lead to disappointment if not managed carefully. Avoid risky activities and driving too fast. However, by afternoon, things may improve, business gains are likely, and new clients could bring future success.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may overcome internal struggles through self-reflection, gaining confidence and strength. You might also fight off cravings or bad habits. Singles may meet someone special, and couples will find clarity in their relationship. There's potential for overseas travel, and students can expect positive academic news.

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SOLUTIONS

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QUOTE UNCODE
There are two kinds of people in the world, those who believe there are two kinds of people in the world and those who don't.

FAST FIVE

P	R	I	D	E
R	E	D	I	A
I	C	I	E	R
S	T	O	N	E
M	I	M	E	D

BULL'S EYE
alien, alpine, pile, pine, plain

STRIKE OUT
VINYL DECAMPS
AIL PAC U
GNU LED N
REMORSE E
CAROLS ASCEND
N E S E
OFAGE HSCAB
C R K I C K S E S
BONA A ALLAT
T O WRY A E
NILGAI ETUDES
U NEAREST N
ALIEN PACT
VINYL DECAMPS

QUICK

RIDDLER Keep up with the times!

MENSA PUZZLE
G. Starting with the letters in the top row, and following straight lines through the middle circle, subtract the numerical value of the middle letter (G) and write the letter with the corresponding numerical value in the lower circle.

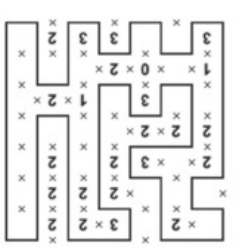
SUDOKU

4	6	2	7	5	8	1	3	9
1	9	7	4	2	3	5	8	6
5	3	8	1	6	9	7	2	4
3	8	9	2	1	7	4	6	5
6	5	1	3	9	4	2	7	8
7	2	6	8	4	5	3	9	1
8	4	3	9	7	1	6	5	2
2	7	4	5	8	6	9	1	3
9	1	5	6	3	2	8	4	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, On, One, Nero, Goner, Ignore, Foreign.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 5 - 1 - 2 = 7
Medium
6 - 3 x 6 - 6 = 12
Hard
8 - 3 / 5 + 2 = 3

LOOP



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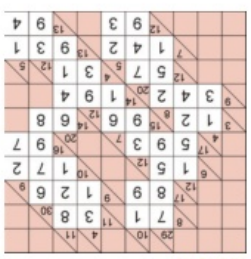

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In the skin of her character
'Odela' creator Sampath Nandi said Tamannaah Bhatia, who plays the role of a Naga Sadhu in the film, walked barefoot and turned a complete vegetarian while shooting for the film

Timeless style

Khushi says she still wears her mom Sridevi's clothes

In a heartfelt revelation, Boney Kapoor's daughter Khushi Kapoor shared that she still wears her late mother Sridevi's clothes, holding on to cherished memories through her timeless wardrobe.

At a recent fashion event, the young actress shared how her family-especially her mother, Sridevi, and sister, Janhvi Kapoor-has always been a constant source of fashion inspiration, influencing her style. Speaking to the media, Khushi shared, "I think fashion is timeless. I still wear my mom's clothes, wear my sister's clothes. I think it's how you wear clothes and not the clothes itself."

When asked about her biggest fashion inspiration, Khushi instantly named her elder sister. "I think of my big sister Janhvi, always," she said with a smile, praising Janhvi's style.

'The Archies' actress also emphasized that fashion is less about trends and more about personal expression.

According to her, it's not the age or origin of an outfit that defines its appeal, but the way one carries it. With the right styling, even vintage pieces can look effortlessly chic and contemporary.

Khushi Kapoor turned heads on the runway in a stunning red lehenga ensemble. Adorned with intricate sequins, threadwork, and embroidery, the outfit featured a romantic, rose-like texture. Her off-shoulder blouse was accented with delicate beaded tassels, while the mermaid-cut lehenga skirt showcased subtle pleats for added elegance.

On the work front, Khushi was seen in Nadaaniyan opposite Ibrahim Ali Khan, son of Saif Ali Khan.

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Tribute to mothers

Director Yogaraj Bhat, who is known as Jester Poet of Sandalwood, and Karnataka State Commission for Women Chairman Dr Nagalakshmi Chowdhary unveiled an emotional song – Lokadamoola Brahmananthe, Preethiyamoola Ammananthe – from the film Jhonty Son of Jayaraj recently. Sugur Kumar, who has been associated with Sandalwood for more than two decades, makes debut as a producer with this movie.

The movie, which revolves around underworld activities during the 1980s, is directed by Anand Raj. Ajith Jayaraj, the son of late MP Jayaraj, plays the lead in the movie.

Director Anand Raj said the song is a tribute to mothers. "We often say sorry if we cause inconvenience to others on the road and public places but never say sorry to our mothers. I want to say sorry to mothers through this movie. It revolves around a youth who does not follow his mother's advice and how he realises his mistake," the director said. Bhat said that it is a mother who has the patience and ability to pardon her children's mistakes. "I thank director Anand Raj for writing this lyric. I thank Jogi Prem for singing this song and the music director for composing its music," Bhat said.

Title song ready

Re-recording of the title song of the film Kaligaala was done at Dr Hamsalekha Studio under the guidance of Palani D Senapathi. Playback singer Vijay Prakash has sung the song. Dayakar Rao V has written the film's screenplay and handled the megaphone for this movie that is being bankrolled by N Raju Sultanpalya under the SGR Movie Makers banner. Raju plays an important character in the movie.

According to director Rao, the movie is about atrocities being committed on lower caste people by upper caste people in rural areas. "The movie revolves around Girijamma, a widow, living in a village. The local MLA creates problems for her. Unable to cope with the harassment, Girijamma ends life by suicide. Her adopted son decides to teach the MLA a lesson. The film is about whether or not he gets his revenge," the director said.

He said the movie conveys a message to society. "The movie has all elements to keep the audiences in their seats while watching it at theaters," he said. The director said a hunt is on to select the hero and heroine. "We have already shortlisted some prospective actors," he said.

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